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SUBJ: SAIGON PRESS COVERAGE OF REPORTED GVN PROTEST NOTE

REF: SAIGON 16103 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL NOTED AP REPORT OF SEPT 7 REPORTING THAT A GVN NOTE HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE DRV DELEGATION IN PARIS PROTESTING HANOI'S CONVERSION OF TWELVE AIRSTRIPS IN SVN INTO AIRBASES AS A "GRAVE VIOLATION" OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. SAIGON PRESS DATED SEPT 9 (WHICH APPEARED SEPT 8) GAVE MODERATE PLAY TO THE STORY; ONLY A FEW PAPERS CONTINUED TO REFER TO IT SEPT 10, AND THERE IS NO MENTION WHATEVER OF THE NOTE IN THE SEPT 11 SAIGON PAPERS, WHICH HIT THE STREETS MID-AFTERNOON TODAY.

2. SEPT 9 PRESS GAVE MODERATE COVERAGE TO REPORTING THE GVN PROTEST, WITH THREE NEWSPAPERS GIVING IT FRONT-PAGE PLAY. TYPICAL OF THESE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE PRO-ADMINISTRATION DAILY SONG THAN THAT LISTED THE LOCATIONS OF THE AIRFIELDS WHICH THE GVN SAYS HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO COMMUNIST AIR BASES. THIS
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ARTICLE ALSO DECLARED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROTEST HINTS

AT POSSIBLE U.S. INTERVENTION. THE PAPER ADDED THAT THE MINISTRY AFFIRMS THE RVN'S RIGHT TO GRANT OR WITHHOLD AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY "FOREIGN" PLANES FLYING OVER ITS TERRITORY. A SIMILAR STORY IN INDEPENDENT CHINH LUAN, CITING THE AP, SAYS THAT "THE RVN GOVERNMENT WILL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ATTACK THESE BASES AS A SELF-DEFENSE MEASURE".

3. THE SUBJECT OF THE GVN NOTE WAS NOT RAISED EITHER BY THE GVN SPOKESMAN OR BY THE PRESS AT THE REGULAR PM SEPT 10 GVN PRESS BRIEFING, HOWEVER, THE GVN SPOKESMAN DID ANNOUNCE THAT A "SPECIAL" PRESS CONFERENCE WITL BE HELD SEPT 11 AT 1600. HE REFUSED TO STATE THE SUBJECT OF THE "SPECIAL"EVENT.
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